

TOWN NEWS

The Selectmen have appointed a new town hall committee to explore the possibilities of building a new town hall. But, wait! Before you discount this news as just another town hall committee in a town that seems to have a penchant for them, let's take a closer look at the situation. The new committee consists of Wayne Burkhart, Martin Cherneff, Nicholas Wool and Fred Vorck. Wayne Burkhart, chairman of the Planning Board, was chosen for his town planning experience. Fred Vorck of the Conservation Commission brings his knowledge of wetland issues as well as business acumen. Nick Wool, chairman of the Finance Committee, is well-acquainted with town financial issues, and will be working with local and regional politicians to explore funding possibilities. Martin Cherneff has long experience in the business world, and will look into possibilities of federal grant money.

Bill Bohn, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, explained the Board's position on a new town hall. Many people feel that our present town hall is cramped and inadequate, yet believe that Monterey cannot afford the expenditure for a new building. The Selectmen agree with this evaluation, but they believe that if 60-70% of the cost can be covered by state or federal grant money, the town might be willing to initiate the project.

The Selectmen plan to do some preliminary work with architect Bob McMahon, showing him the proposed site (ten acres behind the firehouse), and giving him a rough idea of the present and future needs of the town. They hope to obtain a ballpark figure for the construction of a building of 6000-7000 square feet. They stress that no decisions about the actual siting, layout and design have been made.

The Selectmen plan to ask for funds at the next town meeting to begin the grant application process and obtain a more formal cost estimate from Mr. McMahon. If the Selectmen are successful in obtaining grant money, they will then bring a proposal for a new town hall before the voters of Monterey.

The issue of violations of the zoning bylaw at the Simon residence on Sylvan Road has still not been resolved. The Selectmen received a letter from the Simons' attorney, contending that there was a second building permit obtained from Building Inspector Carleton Andersen. A copy of this permit (for a renovation and rebuilding project), dated October 22, 1991, exists. However, because the builders (Gould/Ryan Construction Co.) did not apply for the permit through the Board of Selectmen, there is no record of a building permit application.

The attorney acknowledges that the building was razed on October 31, 1991, without a demolition permit.

Following a survey, all parties agree that there was encroachment into the setback area. The builders claim that they placed the side of the foundation in





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question on the footprint of the previous dwelling, assuming that it conformed to the bylaw.

The Simons' attorney points out that the building permit was signed by the Building Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector and the Wiring Inspector, and contends that the Simons were acting in good faith. He requests that the Selectmen lift the cease and desist order. The Selectmen have refused to do so until either a variance is obtained from the Board of Appeals or the building is scheduled to be renovated in compliance with the zoning bylaw.

A show cause hearing was held on July 28 regarding violations by the Zantays of Camp Deerwood. Approximately twenty houses are being rented, with no business permit ever issued and no Board of Health inspection requested for a permit for a public water supply. The court told the Selectmen to make another attempt to resolve the matter through town government before resorting to legal action. Mr. Zantay is reported to have hired an engineer to work with the Tri-Town Sanitarian to test and evaluate the many water sources that supply these vacation residences.

Bill Bohn will meet with the president of New England Telephone to discuss their proposal to run cable television lines through their fiber optic lines in New England. The Federal Communications Commission has recently granted telephone companies the right to provide cable television to towns with populations of under 10,000, because the large cable companies have refused to serve many small towns.

The Selectmen advised that renewal permits for automatic alarm systems were due on July 1. Most owners of alarm systems have not yet renewed their permits; they are encouraged to apply at the town offices as soon as possible. The renewal fee is \$25.

The following building permit applications were approved: Peter Vallianos, for the construction of a deck extension of a dock and a stairway to the beach on Lake Garfield; Fred Chapman, for the construction of a new, single-family house on Harmon Road.

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- Maggie Leonard



CHURCH NEWS

Just recently, I came upon this quote by someone named F. Thomas Trotter. "In a profound way, there is no such thing as 'art'; there are only the things we make totell our stories as human beings and religious persons." Indeed, too often, we consider art as something beyond us. How often have I heard someone say, "I'm not an artist, I could never do that. I just don't have any talent."

With all due respect to "real artists," I believe Trotter is absolutely correct. What he really seems to be saying (at least to me) is that we're all artists. Each of us has a story to tell as a human being about our deepest self—our religious (I prefer the word spiritual) person. Some of us use words, others music, some movement, others their hands. But art goes far deeper than developing our craft. I especially like the words of a truly great artist, Vincent Van Gogh: "The more I think it over, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people."

So, there you have it. True art, as defined by one of the world's most talented painters, is love. When I take that with some of my favorite biblical quotes (God is love... We are God's work of art... Sing praises with all your art...), then I have a deep perspective of what it means to be created in God's image and my calling to be a creative child of God. For me, that means that art is something much more than just making, or writing, or composing or performing. It's the very essence of being and becoming. Martha Graham once said, "There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and will be lost."

How special we are — each and every one of us. Just as important and artistic as a Picasso, a Beethoven, or a Graham. Baking a loaf of bread, holding another's hand, or writing a sympathy card is just as artistic as painting, composing or dancing — if it is performed as love. We all love a "good performance," but the real art of life is "performing love" by sharing the personal story from our spiritual center.

- Cliff Aerie

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SECOND-HOME OWNERS MEETING WITH SELECTMEN SET

The annual meeting of second-home owners in Monterey and the Board of Selectmen has been scheduled for Saturday, September 5, at the firehouse. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

About sixty people became more knowledgeable about mushrooms when mycologist Alice Somers shared her expertise at the Community Dinner on August 12. The slides were beautiful and made us all realize what a wonderful world of fungi surrounds us.

As usual, there was a variety of great covered dishes. Many thanks to Jane and Bob Volckhausen, who chaired the dinner.

The next Community Dinner will be held on September 9, and will be hosted by Steve Schneider. Please watch for the program announcement.

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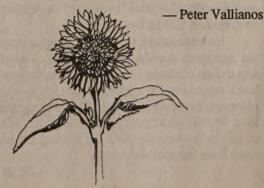
For fiscal year 1994, the town is once again due for a full revaluation of all property. This means that before setting the tax rate and issuing bills for fall, 1993, we must obtain certification from the state that our assessments reflect full and fair cash value, based on property inspections and on sales analysis of transactions that have taken place during the past three years.

We've already been working on land valuation. We'll be spending the coming year gathering more data, mainly from field inspections of every structure in Monterey. Our goal is not only to inspect exteriors and check measurements, but also to do as many interior inspections as possible. We've fully inspected dozens of homes in recent months and discovered many inaccuracies in our records left over from our last revaluation (by Patriot Properties) in FY 1991. These inaccuracies range from simple computer data entry errors, to mistakes in assessment of the conditions of houses and errors in measurements of houses' dimensions. We believe that by gaining access to every house in town, we will be able to purge our records of errors, with the result that townspeople will pay their fair share of taxes based on completely accurate data.

We're hoping to complete our task as efficiently as possible, inspecting structures on a road by road, neighborhood by neighborhood basis. We plan to notify residents, by phone or postcard, of when we will make inspections in their area. We hope that residents will make arrangements to be present themselves or have someone available to grant us access for inspections that in most cases will take only about ten minutes. With everyone's cooperation, we can accomplish our task with minimal inconvenience to everyone.

We welcome your questions or comments about revaluation or other aspects of our work. Our office phone number is 528-6481, and the office is staffed all day Tuesdays.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. See you soon.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

It's back to school time already, and we haven't had much of a summer. Playgroups will resume the week of September 14. A schedule will be printed in the *Shopper's Guide*, or you can call CHP (528-9311) that week. We are happy to say that we will sponsor a playgroup in Stockbridge. We bid a fond farewell to the Hillsdale, New York playgroup, which will be incorporated into the activities of Family Survival in Chatham, New York. All our New York State families are encouraged to attend our Berkshire County playgroups when they are able to do so.

Parent-to-Parent volunteer training sessions will begin on September 24,7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Children's Health Program. The training will be held on five consecutive Thursday evenings. Our volunteers are matched with families having children under two years of age. Volunteers help with transportation to appointments and playgroups, act as support people and friends, and give information about area services to help families. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Claudette.

We have scheduled a trip to Forest Park Zoo for September 9, raindate September 10. Plan to meet at CHP at 9:30 a.m., and bring a picnic lunch. CHP will provide the crackers to feed the animals. Fees for zoo admission and train rides are: Children up to age 4: \$1.30; ages 5-12: \$2.30; adults: \$3.30.

Parents often feel alone and overwhelmed with all the important tasks of parenting. A Parents' Day Off is planned for September 19,9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Bear Care Center in Great Barrington. The event is sponsored by Bear Care, Children's Health Program and Parents Anonymous. Ted Tchack will lead a positive parenting workshop. Childcare and lunch will be provided free of charge. For more information, call Ted at 528-2909, or Claudette at CHP.

Families are often faced with the problem of stretching the food budget from paycheck to paycheck. Wendy's mother shared her secret for getting three meals from a roasting chicken: chicken dinner, chicken casserole, chicken soup. Also, the use of dried milk for cooking or to add to a gallon of milk will help with the disappearing milk syndrome. Anyone else having budget ideas, please share them with us.

"When mothers insist that they see their children at their worst, they're not exaggerating. Siblings are most antagonistic, aggressive and competitive with each other when they are alone with mom, a small observational study of nineteen families confirms. Kids are twice as nice to each other when both parents are on the scene as when they play alone or with only one parents present." This interesting bit of information comes from the August, 1992 issue of *Growing Together*, put out by Cornell Cooperative Extension-Greene County.

-Claudette Callahan



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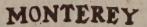
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When the curtain rose on the eighth bi-annual Jazz Yatra Festival this past February in New Delhi, India, the Berkshires' own Critical Theory was on center stage. One of only four American jazz groups invited to this event, Critical Theory shared the spotlight with many renowned international artists.

Critical Theory is a quintet comprised of pianist and founder Christopher Bakriges, violinist and vocalist Betty MacDonald, bassist Ram Miles, drummer Mark McKay and saxophonist Cliff Aerie.

The critics in India were very impressed with this talented group. The Times of India called their music "...vital, imaginative and witty. Critical Theory has everything going for them." The Bombay Dispatch praised the vocals of Betty MacDonald: "a voice that could swoop and soar and scat." The Independent called Critical Theory "intellectual...thoughtprovoking...excellent."

On Friday evening, September 4, Critical Theory will perform at the United Church of Christ in Monterey. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will benefit the church, which is approaching its 250th birthday of ministry. For more information and reservations, call 528-5850.

MONTEREY ROUND TABLE

A huge round of applause for Alice and Joel Schick, for the magnificent job they did on laying out The Monterey Yellow Pages. Many, many people have remarked about its quality.

The Round Table did not meet in August, because only a handful of people could be there. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Marge and Gerry McMahon, which is on the corner of Route 23 and Tyringham Road.

MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY

For extensive information about Monterey's wildlife population, see this issue's story about Dale Duryea. Now that we have a professional wildlife expert who spend most of his days in the woods, we will be hearing more precise information about our animal populations. Observations from our readers will continue to fill out the picture, and will be useful to Dale in his work.

Mammals: Two sightings of bears, one, a halfgrown individual crossing Route 23 at the east end of town; the other an adult with three cubs on Beartown Mountain Road. A fox carrying a half-grown wild turkey on Hupi Road. Grey squirrels by day (and a number killed by cars), and flying squirrels by night (and a number killed by cats), widely dispersed around town. Chipmunks everywhere, and a few red squirrels.

Birds: Yellowthroat, rose-breasted grosbeak, herons, kingfishers, tanager, young Canada geese and mallard ducks with their parents, sandpipers and song sparrows along the Lake Garfield shore, water thrush, crows and ravens.

Amphibians: The woods are full of newts, the land phase of salamanders. They are orange-red now and half-grown. By late summer, they will be in the ponds and lakes, a dark brownish-green, with yellow bellies. They will stay in the water, thereafter, but their offspring will be back in the woods next year, most visible in wet weather.

Flowers: Shrubby cinquefoil, wild roses, polygonum, meadow rue, jewelweed, spatterdock, nettle, sundew, milfoil, forget-me-not, nightshade, purple loosestrife (in clumps, banks and acres!), Canada lily, milkweed, blue curls, yellow sorrel, yellow vetch, Indian pipe, Joe Pye weed, hardhack, cardinal flower, horseweed, sweet clover (4-6' tall!), helleborine, beech drops, wild thyme, burdock, pearly everlasting, fireweed, cream-colored avens, wild cucumber, boneset, Queen Anne's lace, groundnut, wood aster, pokeberry, elderberry, yarrow, lady's thumb, goldenrod, evening primrose.

- Angie Sherrard

- David P. McAllester



OUR TOWN

The Roads of Monterey: Part Two

Roads are our main windows on our town. They exist as the result of decisions and informal agreements over many years. Roads represent cooperation among neighbors near and far to build connections between and among us. For next-door neighbors, a footpath was adequate. But when we began to buy machinery and furniture from Boston and to send our produce to the expanding cities, governments were needed to build bigger roads and to supervise ever more complicated agreements. Not to mention how the coming of the automobile made inevitable the need for a driveway to every house.

We still need all types of roads, from footpaths to freeways. And there are unique uses and sensible ways to organize them. I like our system of the town highway department, though most areas of the country have no road organization smaller than the county level. In fact, I like smaller organizations in general, and a lot of the talk about the efficiency of larger schools, companies and such is bunk, but i digress. Most of us will grudgingly admit that we need the larger highways as well, with their speed and capacity — and the funding from the state or federal treasury.

Roads give legal access to property, too. The Planning Board has recently received questions from several people about our approval of property divisions on roads not maintained by the town. There are basically three ways in which property divisions can be made to provide adequate roadway access under zoning rules. First, lots may be created on all public ways or those certified by the town clerk to be used and maintained as public ways. Second, lots may be created by the subdivision process: Lots may be created on a roadway shown on a plan which has been endorsed by the Planning Board according to the subdivision control law. Third, and the one which usually gives rise to questions, deals with roads which were in existence when the subdivision control law became effective in Monterey (1966).

The first question we received was whether a lot can be created on Lime Rock Road, which is a private way existing before the subdivision control law was enacted. The Board did approve a division of property on this road. But on this or any other property in this category, our approval involved only the legal creation of a lot. Whether and how the owners of the new lot will share the costs of maintaining the roadway are matters

to be decided by the individual or groups that controls the road, and do not officially concern the Planning Board.

The next question may explain the first. On the other hand, it may confuse you further, but let's try anyway. People from the Elephant Rock Association were concerned about a division of land which may involve more people using Elephant Rock Road (a private way, existing before the subdivision law, connecting with Hupi Road). The Planning Board approved the creation of three lots from land of Scherrer. In this case, there could have been a question about whether the way (Elephant Rock Road) is adequate for legal access for division of the property according to the third category above. But, the Planning Board approved the division based on the access provided on Hupi Road for each of the new lots. The Planning Board cannot become involved in whether the owners of the new lots will use Elephant Rock Road and, if they do, how they will fit into the private system of payment or responsibility for its maintenance.

These types of issues explain the passage of the subdivision control law, statewide in 1953, and by Monterey, in 1966. The law provides for a system of clear responsibility and adequate construction of roads for any new lots to be created in areas not served by the current roadways.

So, there you have it. In the old days, we counted on cooperation, informality and good will to make our roads work. Today, we try to take care of future needs with more laws and standards in the creation of a road, in the hope that there will be fewer problems with the passage of time and changes of ownership.

- Wayne Burkhart



THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The weather was perfect on Saturday, August 8 for the walk to the site of Monterey's and Tyringham's first church. About thirty people turned out for the walk, which was led by volunteer, Bob Rausch. A special thanks goes to Bob, not only for leading the walk, but for clearing the trail as well.

Others have volunteered their time and talents to The Bidwell House this season. Currently in training to be docents are Bill Sequin and Sue Landis. Jim Grande has assisted us with the gardens and Mac Carlson has provided valuable gardening advice. Thanks also to Eileen Clawson, who has put in much time and effort in the past few months in the design and typesetting of our newsletter and brochure.

Help for The Bidwell House comes in many forms. Our season got a publicity boost from a recent article in *Country Traditional* magazine, which Judith Mortenson was instrumental in getting printed. In addition, there have been several donations of plants to the gardens from Dolby Florist and Greenhouse and from board inember Sally Fijux. The gardens are looking better, but we still need further donations of perennials. If you have some that need thinning, please consider donating your extras to The Bidwell House. We can even send volunteers to accomplish the tedious chore of dividing plants for you. If you're interested in donating plants, please call me at 528-6888.

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On Sunday, September 6, the Monterey Church will hold a special outdoor worship service and picnic at The Bidwell House. The members of the congregation extend an open invitation to the community to attend this special event at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for a special service on the beautiful grounds of the town's first parsonage.

At the conclusion of worship, we'll share a potluck picnic. People are requested to bring along a picnic setting of food and drink to share with one another. Afterwards, we can explore the grounds and hike to the site of the original church. The Bidwell House staff and volunteers will also provide tours of the house at special reduced group rates. So, come on out for a wonderful morning of worship, food and history. In case of rain, we'll worship at the church and share an indoor picnic in the social room.

FIRST ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

All gardeners, actual and would-be, make a note of the day: Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on the Monterey Library lawn. The occasion: the First Annual Plant Swap, sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society.

From 10:00-11:00, in the General Knox Museum, Susan Tarasuk will give a presentation on installing and maintaining perennial beds. Ms. Tarasuk, who has a degree in horticulture from the University of Massachusetts, operates Gardens by Susan, in Sandisfield. She will be available throughout the morning for questions on particular problems, plant identifications and general garden advice.

The library will have a display of books on gardens, the history and principles of garden design and specific groups of plants.

If you'd like to participate in our plant swap, please pot and label your plants. This will be a time to share the wealth, perhaps learn a tip or two, and to enjoy. Monterey has some beautiful gardens, and everyone has to do something with those perennials when they divide them. Bring us your extras and take some that special something you've been searching for, perhaps in just the color or size you need for under the bird bath.

For further information, call Cynthia Weber at 528-3698.

LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of July 25, treasurer Carlo Romairone reported a bank balance of approximately \$3,800, after new memberships and current bills are accounted for.

Muriel Lazzarini reported that about 100 people in 33 boats enjoyed Lake Garfield's first flotilla.

Marty Cherneff gave the boating and safety committee report. Marker buoys for the channel have been ordered. One will read 5 mph, and the other 5 mph No water skiing. Paul Carnese has received permission from the Selectmen to place the markers in the lake. The committee will take under study the question of safety and other concerns about the water skiing slalom course in its present location.

Patricia Edelstein gave the lake management committee report. She urged that the Association join the North American Lake Management Society (yearly fee \$65) so that we can benefit from information about solutions to problems in other lakes around the country.

Patricia reminded members that the limnological report of a few years ago is in the library. She reviewed major points, showed samples of some of the principal weeds in the lake, and urged members to learn what they are so that they can keep anecdotal journals of weeds and other lake conditions. Members' observations can provide important information on the effects of drawdown and weather.

Carlo Romairone moved that, in addition to collecting laymen's observations, we hire experts for yearly monitoring of lake conditions. He noted that members had already authorized \$1,500 for this purpose. The motion was passed.

Patricia asked for additional volunteers for the lake management committee, and there was discussion of the need for a membership drive for the Association. Terry Wing offered to recruit members from his area of the lake.

President Barbara Resnick questioned Selectman Bill Bohn about the notice on the town bulletin board regarding the assessment on non-removable docks by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Bill said that the Selectmen are not sure of just what the implications are, and Muriel Lazzarini offered to start gathering information, to be reported in the Monterey News.

Bill Bohn reviewed the situation of the Simon house on Sylvan Road. The house was built without building, demolition or sentic permits. It violates the setback rule by five feet, exceeds the 25% increase

allowed by the town, and has an illegal number of bathrooms. The town has a cease and desist order on the property and has not issued a certificate of occupancy. The town is in the process of fining the owners; and the amount of the fine could reach \$30,000. If the Board of Appeals does not grant variances to the Simons, the town is prepared to go to court to enforce compliance with the law.

Mrs. Anhalt, an abutting neighbor, informed the Association that the Simons' attorney had offered her money not to pursue a personal lawsuit against them. She did not accept, and urged everyone concerned about the situation to write to the Selectmen. Barbara Resnick suggested that anyone so inclined might help the Anhalts defray the expenses of their legal effort.

Carlo Romairone moved that the Association send a letter to the Selectmen, urging them to enforce the laws and to go to court if necessary. The motion was passed unanimously, with the abstention of Dean Amidon, who is on the Board of Appeals. Muriel Lazzarini suggested that a form letter to the Selectmen be made available at the August meeting, to be signed by individuals in support of strict enforcement.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: President-Muriel Lazzarini; Vice President-Marty Cherneff; Recording Secretary-Marianne Jaffee; Corresponding Secretary-David McAllester; Treasurer-Carlo Romairone.

There were no nominations from the floor. Terry Wing moved that the secretary cast one vote for the entire slate, and the motion was passed unanimously.

- David P. McAllester

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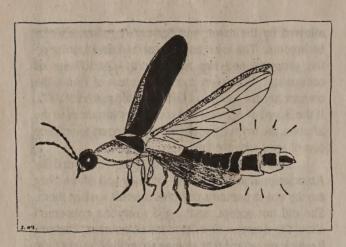
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FIREFLIES: SUMMER LOVE AND COOL EFFICIENCY

There was a Blackfoot warrior and orator named Crowfoot, who wrote in 1890, in the last year of his life: "What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the winter. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset."

I have been thinking about that little shadow and of all the magic it encounters in its brief run across the grass. There is so much magic lurking in the grass that life can easily be filled up with wonder, with unanswered questions about all sorts of things. One hears a lot about "fear of the unknown," but it's also true that we get security, not to say a spiritual faith, from the certainty that in fact we will never know it all. "It" is bigger than we are, or at least bigger than we can figure out in the time allotted.

So it is with this reassurance that I am about to reveal some of the functional workings and reasons for one of the most magical summer experiences of these parts, the flickering field of fireflies. For years, i was happy to gaze at the seemingly random flashes and just say, "this is beauty complete." I knew what a firefly was, having caught a few and put them in jars in my room at night. I had no idea why they flashes, or how. I just knew, as Crowfoot said, that this was life.

Now I can report a few things on fireflies, but I promise this will not detract from the magic. Aesop, the incorrigible moralizer, the shrinker of complexity to inadequate aphorism, has taught us that "familiarity breeds contempt." I say it's not true, and I thank Mark Twain for adding to this sentiment fifteen centuries later: "Familiarity breeds contempt — and children."

This thought brings me back to those firefly fields where familiarity and breeding are exactly what

it is all about. (There is no contempt in nature.) You may think of summer as gardening season, or Tanglewood time, or that time of year when your house is full of visitors, but to an insect, the reason for summer is simple. This is the time for sex and reproduction. (Of course, these may be important aspects of your summer, too, but it's probably not all you do.)

If you look closely at that flashing field at night, you will see all sorts of different flashes. Some are long and tapered at the ends, starting out kind of dim and building to a brightness, then dimming again. Some are more greenish in color, some more yellow. Some of these flashes occur about five feet from the ground,

some two feet up. Some are coming from the ground or from the grasses. Once you stop seeing the display as a random marvel, you will notice that there are these patterns and more, and once you have identified a pattern, you will wonder what it signifies.

In the insect world of sex and reproduction, the first challenge is for a male and a female of the same species to find each other at just the right moment, when mating will be productive. Our most common firefly here is called Photuris, and, oddly enough, it occurs in an unbalanced ratio of about fifty males to every female. The males give the particular flash, the code of their species, and the female responds. The message is, "Here I am, I am a Photuris, where are you?" After she has mater, the female is no longer interested in courtship. All she cares about now is nourishing her fertile eggs until it is time for her to lay them. She will not respond to the "Here I am. . ." message of the 49 males still searching the meadow.

There is something she may do, however, which could change your spiritual experience of firefly fields. She may become something which is termed (by scientists, no less) a "femme fatale." She may imitate the courtship flashing of a different, smaller species of firefly which is cruising the same field. She keeps this up until the little stranger gets close to her. Then she grabs him and eats him, thus providing her system with the protein it needs to bring those fertilized eggs along nicely.

As if this were not complicated enough, there are actually some of the many Photuris males who are somehow cognizant (or, if you don't allow cognizance in bugs, they are adapted) of this deception practiced by their own species of female. These males will themselves masquerade as the males of the same other species that the female is pretending to be. They do this so they can get close to her (a dangerous thing, given her mood), and just before she is about to grab them,

they switch over to their own courtship flashing code in hopes or in case this may trigger a courtship response. Does it pay off to be this kind of double agent? Actually, the firefly experts are not sure. That is, they are not sure if it pays off from the standpoint of the male. Either he mates with an already mated female, or he gets eaten by her, and, according to the long view, which is about the continuation of the species, he makes a valuable contribution either way.

Is the firefly field any less magical now? Remember, there is no contempt in nature, nothing sordid. It is what it is, full of patterns that lead always to new questions. It is also, no matter how much you know about it, full of inexplicable, uncomplicated beauty.

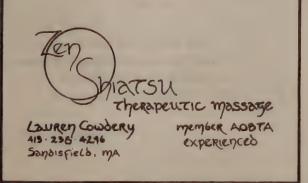
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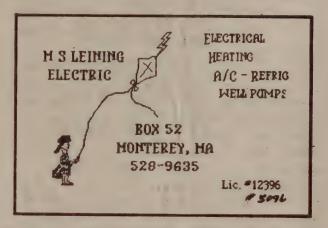
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For Claire, age three

Rose ate him today,
Ginger horse called a bay,
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And was crunchy and nice.
As he stood there so fine
With four feet straight in line
Rose ate him today,
Will she eat mine tomorrow?

Rose ate him today
Nor would she quite say
Why she gobbled him down
As Cook gave a frown.
He had wind in his ears
And I must say — my tears,
Rose ate him today,
Will she eat mine tomorrow?

- Sue Moody

DECORATION DAY

As I come winding down to lower hills
The dusk is lit by sugar maple bloom,
In tassels, pale chartreuse against the gloom,
And all this springtime's long frustration stills.

But is it, somehow, cheating not to wait The unfolding here, that we've so dearly earned? Have we not this lesson clearly learned: That satisfaction's best when it comes late?

This fragrant evening let me give advice About the nature of experience: I vouchsafe from the best of evidence, That satisfaction's better tasted twice!

- David P. McAllester



SLUMBER SONG

The sandman was late tonight,
And he hurried across the sky—
His cloak bat wings in flight
I saw them fly.

The shape of his foot was plain Beneath the edge of his cloak— He poured sleep down like rain On weary folk.

Softer than spoken word He brought night in from the west To tired child and bird The benison of rest.

- Dorothy E. Law

YOUNG FISHERMAN

He runs across the meadow Whistling a happy tune Thinking of the fish he'll catch And soon be bringing home.

His dog is close beside him, The air is calm and still. He can hear the merry tinkle Of the cow bells on the hill.

He loves the open spaces Where the brook is running free And the red-winged blackbird calling "Aunk-er-ree, aunk-er-ree, aunk-er-ree."

— Eleanor Kimberley

A SONG FOR SIMPLE THINGS

I have a heart for small and gentle things — First star: far steeple on a gathered town: A need for separateness to heed a circling hawk, Or know an owl's last low and sleepy tremolo Before the slow line of sun slides down the hills To brighten golden boulders in a brook.

I am in love with simple, lovely things.

I've hungered long for shy and hidden things — The plunging woodcock's amorous trilling from the sky.

A dazzle-sheen on beetle wing beneath the bark; Foxfire in a rotten stump I scatter with a stick, Or cooling kiss of milkweed silk along my cheek: The pepper-tingle of nasturtium greens I bite.

I am in love with hidden, simple things.

- Harold Corbin

BIBLE STUDY: 2ND SAMUEL, 2, 18-23

It is the spear reversed, jammed then belly-ward so at thrust's end the blunt end weeps behind his back while the edge, immaculate. bronzily blinks the sinking sun, that catches one's attention.

Though one regards with wonder the young enthusiast — transfixed by the massy stick how amazed he sprawls. Zuriah's boy, Asahel, fleet of foot as a wild gazelle. He ran for glory, straining at his brothers' praise.

But whirled in Abner's calloused fingers, the edge a-flash in the hoodlum sun, wheeling like the high-tossed dance of a majorette's baton, it is the spear, so heavily, that affixes one's attention.

And, one thinks, the Lord rewards the serious, the harsh of heart. Be warned, o dilettante. Still, campaigner for campaigner, it is better to fight for the winning side. I commend you to Chapter 3, 6 through 39.

- Jim Michelman

KONKAPOT RIVER RIDE

Picked up and tossed east by pain. I Stride on ancient angular oatmeal. This Weatherbeaten walkway refractures my soles, Shambles toward running water.

Cold, dry hands clutch chain-link security. Shoes shuffle, grow rooted, mesmerized.

Midas maple leaves surrender; Mind slips like every autumn over the Konkapot spillway. Bronze Broken metal fencing subtracts into slag, Ouenched in the sibilant steam.

- MaryKate Jordan



WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY Dale Duryea, Wildlife Control Officer

Talking with Dale Duryea is like stepping into the world of the "mountain men," who lived by their physical stamina and profound knowledge of wildlife. Dale, who grew up in South Egremont, has been hunting and trapping since he was seven years old; gradually, his hobby became his profession. At first, he helped friends and neighbors who had "wild animal problems," ranging from bats or flying squirrels in the attic to larger animals that were damaging property and had to be persuaded to move elsewhere. His success led to more calls for help, and now, he is licensed by the state, is the official problem resolver for several towns, and responds, for a fee, to private calls all over Berkshire County. When he began his work on a professional basis in 1986, he was getting three or four calls a month; now it is more like thirty or forty, and the number is still going up.

Dale's high school sweetheart at Mount Everett was Anna Thorn of Monterey. They were married in 1987 and moved into an apartment in the Thorn family farmhouse on Route 23. As their family began to arrive, it was necessary to plan for larger quarters, and two years ago, they moved into the big, new log house at the top of the knoll in the wide Thorn hayfield. Penny is now five, Raymond is three, and Jason is ten months.

The new house is just the right setting for Dale, and for Anna, who shares his interest in wildlife. All around them is a sea of grass. The lake is visible through the pine trees, deer feed at the edge of the woods, coyotes serenade from across the road. Just for good measure, they own a large tract of woods in northern Vermont, where there are moose in addition to the animals we have here. The Duryeas love to go up there, and they plan to build a cabin in the woods.

When Dale gets a call, usually about raccoons, he quickly sketches out the options available according to state law. A troublesome animal is usually one that has been fed or has otherwise found a source of food near the house. If the food is removed and the animal is still causing damage, it can be trapped and released elsewhere on the same property, or, if it is young or injured, it can be taken to a licensed rehabilitator and eventually returned to the wild. Another option is for the animal to be humanely destroyed by a trained officer.

If you have a problem and want to be sure of the best procedure, you can call the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife office in Pittsfield (447-9789), the local game warden, via the central dispatcher in Great Barrington (528-0306), or Dale right here in Monterey (528-9335). The DFW has a number of useful fact sheets and pamphlets they will send,

Dale considers his principal service to the community to be educational. He can often resolve a complicated situation just by sharing his knowledge of wildlife behavior over the phone. For example, he can tell whether sheep have been killed by coyotes or dogs, an essential first step in protecting the flock. "We are approaching a peak population of wild animals in Monterey, and we have to learn how to live with them. They should be appreciated for their place in the ecology and admired for their beauty, but *from a distance*! Animals don't need to be fed by us; they are able to fend for themselves."

A few figures will show what Dale means by a "population peak." He estimates that there are ten adult bears in our area. Some fifty raccoons have been removed from the Monterey Transfer Station this summer. During the trapping season, Dale caught six coyotes in less than three weeks in one section of town. There are fourteen colonies of beavers in Beartown Forest alone.

It is in the nature of the job of Wildlife Control Officer to be viewed by some people as the heartless nemesis of the wild creatures with whom we share our woods and fields. Dale has received a good deal of abuse, which he endures with understanding and good

humor. "They don't realize that I admire wild animals almost more than I do people." Most of our wildlife causes no problems for anybody, and Dale sees the most important part of his job as keeping things that way. For instance, when beavers cause flooding because of their incessant hydro-engineering, the excess water can often be drained off with an overflow tube. Correctly installed, such a device keeps the water level constant.

In September, Dale is going to a training program in Indiana which will lead to his accreditation in wildlife management by Purdue University. "There is no end to what you can learn about wildlife, even after a lifetime of observation." The Duryea house is a showplace of wildlife specimens and photographs, which Dale uses when he speaks to conventions of trappers or conservationists. One wall has several, almost life-sized portraits of timber wolves. "Ever since I was a kid, I have identified with those beautiful, intelligent animals."

As New England's open farmland continues to revert to forest, and, paradoxically, more people build houses in these woods, we will have to learn to coexist with our fellow creatures. This will involve knowing them and their ways. Dale doesn't like the word "control" in his title. "I'd rather be called Wildlife Manager. It's more like what I am trying to do. Meanwhile, if you see any strange-acting animals, don't go near them. Notify me or the game warden immediately, day or night!"

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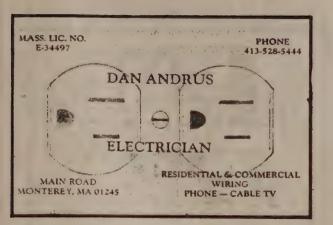
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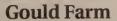
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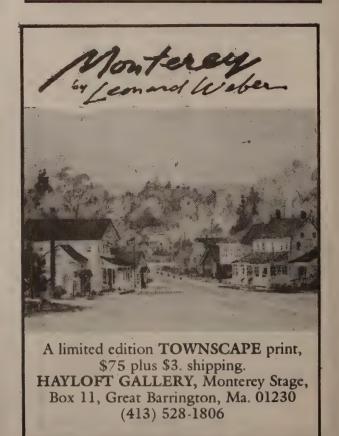
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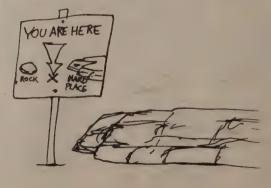
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In July, both the Berkshire Eagle and the Berkshire Courier reported that Judge Simon had ruled that two meetings held by Monterey's Selectmen concerning former Police Chief Doug Lyman were conducted in violation of the state's open meeting law. Judge Simon ordered the three Selectmen involved, Georgiana O'Connell, Bill Bohn and Matt Williams, to comply with state laws in the future. However, because the hiring and firing of police officers is within the province of the Selectmen, the judge upheld Chief Lyman's dismissal.

But, what about these Selectmen's own violations of a state law on two occasions? Matt Williams is no longer a Selectmen. Are Georgiana O'Connell and Bill Bohn going to do the honorable thing and resign so that we can have special elections?

In considering the Selectmen's actions, we should keep several facts in mind: Chief Lyman's infraction of the rules was minor and essentially harmless. The Selectmen were presented with a petition signed by 183 citizens, asking that Chief Lyman be placed on probation, rather than dismissed. This petition was ignored. The Selectmen's rigidity cost the town \$1,275 in legal fees.

With the local Democratic party in total disarray, it behooves our Republican friends to give us public servants of superior caliber, as they did in the last election.

Finally, let me remind you of Thomas Jefferson's statement that, "in a democracy, it is the duty of an educated citizenry to speak up."

- Fred Lancome



To the Editor:

This year's Pan-Massachusetts Challenge Bike Ride for Cancer to Cape Cod, held on August 8 and 9, went very well. I was one of 1485 bikers, who collectively raised more than \$1.7 million for the Jimmy Fund. Your contributions through me totalled just over \$1,200.

We had cool, sunny weather on Saturday, with rain from midday Sunday on. The rain made biking very slippery and was the cause of several accidents. We had an excellent support team of 450 volunteers throughout the ride. They provided our lodging, food, medical needs and bike repairs.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed to my ride for the fight against cancer. Is there anyone who would like to ride with me next year? Once again, the ride will take place the second weekend in August.

Thanks again.

- Roger Tryon

To the Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who helped us, who participated, and who came and supported us in our production of our play, *Persephone's Cave*. This is the busiest time of year for everyone, with people working long hours, and some working several jobs. We are very grateful for the time that everyone gave us.

We thank Wayne and Susan, John and Anne, the Scheffey family, Ellen and Brian, Gayle, Andrea, Alice and Arthur, Alice and Walter, Cliff and the people at Monterey UCC, Ray for making sure we didn't burn the building down, Jennifer, Louis, Mary Kate, Mrs. Makuc and the Library trustees, the Piretti family, the McMahons, Vicki and Cathy, Frank, Leonard, the Mayes, Darla, Vikki, Sven, Meryl, Cynthia and Sanjiban, Scottie, Eileen and Dek. These are just a few of the many, many people who helped in some way and who live here in Monterey. The list goes on and on for the rest of the group from elsewhere in Berkshire County. What a wonderful, talented group of people we have right here in our area. It is good to know that we can all work together for a common goal and have a great time doing it.

Thank you all so much for making us welcome and for giving so much to help us in our work.

- Jason Brown and Nicky Hearon

PERSONAL NOTES



Our hearty congratulations to Nancy Kalodner of Benchmark Real Estate, who has been named by the Berkshire County Board of Realtors as their 1992 Realtor of the Year. Along with her many community contributions, Nancy serves as professional standards chairman for both the local and the state Realtors' Association, and has been active in state and national realtor activities. In September, she will compete for the title of Massachusetts State Realtor of the Year. Go for it, Nancy!

Congratulations to sophomore, Rachel Rodgers, who was named to the effort honor roll for the spring semester as Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield. Rachel was also a member of the varsity softball team.

And congratulations to Jonas Klein, who was a member of the Northfield Mount Hermon School team that took first place in the 1992 Physics Bowl, a competition sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers. Jonas is the son of Vicki Reed of Main Road.

Hats off to Roger Tryon, who completed the 200-mile, cross-Massachusetts bicycle trek on August 8 and 9, and raised \$1,200 for the Jimmy Fund. Roger has participated in the event for six years.

Bon Voyage to Bill and Kay Purcell of Main Road, who are off on their 37-foot sailboat on September 12. Leaving from City Island in New York, they will head for the Bahamas via the intercoastal waterways. They will spend the winter there, while leaving the rest of the family to enjoy the cooler breezes of Monterey.

We look forward to seeing Tammy Jervas back in the Berkshires this month after her great adventure. Tammy drove across the country with a friend and two dogs, and ended up in Palmer, Alaska! She has spent the summer there, working at the Alaska State Fairgrounds on the landscaping crew, planting flowers, herbs and vegetables. She will be driving back East via a southern route, and claims she is inspired to create some gardens in these hills next summer.

Great to see the Scutellaro family, who were "back home" in Monterey for a week. They love living in Fort Lauderdale, where Vincent is enjoying his job selling advertising for a newspaper, Leslie is teaching first grade, and Benjamin and Dinah can walk to school and are thriving. All are well and happy, and having a lot of fun with their new sailboat.

Fred and Lucie Lancome enjoyed a visit to Marblehead recently. Lucie shared a spirit-boosting tale from their trip. It seems that they made a stop at one of the information centers along the turnpike. Much later, Lucie realized that herrings, one of which belonged to her mother and is especially dear to her, were missing. She had left them in the ladies room, where she had removed them to wash her hands. When they contacted the staff at the rest stop, they were wonderfully surprised to learn that the rings had been found and turned in. Fred and Lucie are most grateful to the anonymous good Samaritan!

Hoping Rick Mielke recovers soon after Marvin Sachs went one up on the very last hole after a grueling golf battle. Keep your chin up, Rick!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to Barrington Greenfield on August 25, to Dinah Mielke on September 2, to Candice Piretti and Gabrielle Haapanen on September 3, to Katie Vallianos on September 4, to Kathleen Tillett on September 10, to Erin Piretti on September 12, to Jeff Gauthier on September 13, to Christina Vallianos on September 23, to Ellen Coburn on September 24, to Jamie Ziegler on September 25, to Stephanie Grotz on September 26, to Marcus Sheridan on September 27, and to Scott Sheridan on September 29.

A special Happy Anniversary wish to Arthur and Alice Somers, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 12. And, Happy Anniversary to Bob and Barbara Gauthier on September 17.

Please continue to share your news items, birthdays, special events, etc. Your contributions are most appreciated! Just call me at 528-4519, or jot down your items and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23. Thanks in advance!

- Stephanie Grotz

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Friday, September 4 — Critical Theory in concert to benefit the Monterey Church. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 children. 8:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, see Benefit Concert for the Monterey Church, elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, September 5 — Annual meeting of Monterey second-home owners with the Selectmen. 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse.

Sunday, September 6 — Church service and potluck picnic. 10:00 a.m. at The Bidwell House. For more information, see Church Service and Picnic at The Bidwell House, elsewhere in this issue.

Wednesday, September 9 — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Saturday, September 12 — First Annual Plant Swap, sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society. 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Monterey Library. For more information, see First Annual Plant Swap, elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, September 12—SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Tuesday, September 15 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Tuesday, September 15 — Monterey Round Table meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marge and Gerry McMahon.

MOON SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE PARTY, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel, with guest caller Pat Rust of Port Ewan, New York. Everyone is welcome. Halftime entertainment will include a puppet show by the Ivy Vine Players. Homemade refreshments (baked goods, apple desserts, coffee, tea, cider) included in the price of admission. Adults \$7, children \$3. Information: 528-9385.



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